

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 GEORGE A. PEREZ,
12 CDCR #K-58741,

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 CPPCA; SDPOA; INTERNATIONAL BIBLE
16 BAPTIST CHURCH; SHERRY TABANDA;
17 BENJAMIN PLATA,

18 Defendants.

19 Civil No. 10cv1915 DMS (CAB)

20 **ORDER DENYING MOTION TO
PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*
AND DISMISSING CASE
WITHOUT PREJUDICE
PURSUANT TO
28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)**

21 [Doc. No. 2]

22 George A. Perez, (“Plaintiff”), currently incarcerated at the Richard J. Donovan
23 Correctional Facility located in San Diego, California, and proceeding pro se, has submitted a
24 civil rights Complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1983.

25 Plaintiff has not prepaid the \$350 filing fee mandated by 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a); instead,
26 he has filed a Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (“IFP”) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)
27 [Doc. No. 2].

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I.

MOTION TO PROCEED IFP

3 All parties instituting any civil action, suit or proceeding in a district court of the United
4 States, except an application for writ of habeas corpus, must pay a filing fee of \$350. *See* 28
5 U.S.C. § 1914(a). An action may proceed despite a party’s failure to pay only if the party is
6 granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis (“IFP”) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). *See*
7 *Andrews v. Cervantes*, 493 F.3d 1047, 1051 (9th Cir. 2007); *Rodriguez v. Cook*, 169 F.3d 1176,
8 1177 (9th Cir. 1999). “Under the PLRA, all prisoners who file IFP civil actions must pay the
9 full amount of the filing fee,” regardless of whether the action is ultimately dismissed for any
10 reason. *See Taylor v. Delatoore*, 281 F.3d 844, 847 (9th Cir. 2002) (citing 28 U.S.C.
11 § 1915(b)(1) & (2)). “[T]he PLRA fee filing requirements pass constitutional muster.” *Id.* at
12 848.

13 In order to comply with the PLRA, prisoners seeking leave to proceed IFP must also
14 submit a “certified copy of the trust fund account statement (or institutional equivalent) for the
15 prisoner for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint....” 28 U.S.C.
16 § 1915(a)(2). From the certified trust account statement, the Court assesses an initial payment
17 of 20% of (a) the average monthly deposits in the account for the past six months, or (b) the
18 average monthly balance in the account for the past six months, whichever is greater, unless the
19 prisoner has no assets. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1), (4); *see Taylor*, 281 F.3d at 850. Thereafter,
20 the institution having custody of the prisoner must collect subsequent payments, assessed at 20%
21 of the preceding month’s income, in any month in which the prisoner’s account exceeds \$10, and
22 forward those payments to the Court until the entire filing fee is paid. *See* 28 U.S.C.
23 § 1915(b)(2).

24 While Plaintiff has filed a Motion to Proceed IFP in this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
25 § 1915(a), he has not attached a certified copy of his prison trust account statement for the 6-
26 month period immediately preceding the filing of his Complaint. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2);
27 S.D. CAL. CIVLR 3.2. Section 1915(a)(2) clearly mandates that prisoners “seeking to bring a

1 civil action ...without prepayment of fees ... *shall* submit a certified copy of the trust fund
2 account statement (or institutional equivalent) ... for the 6-month period immediately preceding
3 the filing of the complaint.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) (emphasis added).

4 Without Plaintiff’s trust account statement, the Court is simply unable to assess the
5 appropriate amount of the filing fee required to initiate this action. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1).

6 Therefore, Plaintiff’s Motion to Proceed IFP must be DENIED.

7 **II.**

8 **CONCLUSION AND ORDER**

9 For the reasons set forth above, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

10 (1) Plaintiff’s Motion to Proceed IFP [Doc. No. 2] is **DENIED**.

11 (2) This action is **DISMISSED** without prejudice for failure to prepay the \$350 filing
12 fee mandated by 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a), and for failure to successfully move to proceed IFP
13 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

14 (3) Plaintiff is **GRANTED** forty five (45) days from the date this Order is Filed to
15 either: (1) pay the entire \$350 filing fee, **or** (2) file a new Motion to Proceed IFP, *which*
16 *includes a certified copy of his trust account statement for the 6-month period preceding the*
17 *filing of his Complaint* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and S.D. CAL. CivLR 3.2(b).

18 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Court shall provide Plaintiff with a
19 Court-approved form “Motion and Declaration in Support of Motion to Proceed IFP” in this
20 matter. If Plaintiff neither pays the \$350 filing fee in full nor sufficiently completes and files the
21 attached Motion to Proceed IFP, together with a certified copy of his prison trust account
22 statement within 45 days, this action shall remained closed without further Order of the Court.

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24 DATED: September 21, 2010

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26 HON. DANA M. SABRAW
27 United States District Judge
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